

At Fort Worth...

# Aggie Fish open season tonight against Wogs

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The Aggie Fish football team opens its 1970 season tonight in Fort Worth when they meet the TCU Wogs at Amon Carter Stadium at 7:30 p.m.

The game will be broadcast on radio station KORA beginning at 7:30 tonight.

It will be the 22nd meeting of the two teams, in a game sponsored by the TCU Ex-Lettermen's Association. TCU leads the series 14 wins to six with one tie. The Fish have won the last two games, 2-3 in 1968 and 27-26 last year.

The Wogs field one of their biggest teams this season, averaging 250 pounds in the offensive line. Defensively, TCU weighs 227 pounds per man in the line.

The game features a rematch of last year's San Antonio AAAA bi-district playoff, as TCU's Mike Morrison (San Antonio Sam Houston) faces A&M's Tim Trimmer (San Antonio Lee). Last winter's game was won by Lee 56-14, who went on to the state finals, where they lost to Wichita Falls 14-3.

"It's going to be awfully hard to run against TCU," Fish Coach Jim Keller said in looking at TCU's size. "We'll have to throw and hope we can keep them off our quarterback."

In addition to Trimmer (6-4, 190), the Fish also have Mike Rigsby, a 6-1 185-pounder from Houston Smiley, at quarterback.

A&M also lists split ends Eric Elkins and Bobby Hughes as the top receivers. Hughes is from Houston Sam Houston, while Elkins played high school football for Dallas Jesuit.

Across the line, Fish offensive starters are tackles Keith Rice of Nacogdoches and Kevin Smith of Houston Westbury. The guards are Richard Semands of Houston

played high school ball for Nederland, and Harris is from Arlington.

Defensively, the Aggie line has Kevin Owen and Marshall Jackson as the starters, with Rusty Pool as the top substitute. Owen, 6-3 and 210, is a Jacksboro product.

Jackson, from Nederland, is 6-4 and 190. Pool is from Victoria, and he is 6-2 and 203.

The guards will be Billy Williams, 6-0 and 190, and Mike Stautzenberger, 5-11 and 215. Williams is from Killeen, and Stautzenberger is from Shreveport, La. Possible starters Robert Dennis and Tommy Roderick are out with injuries.

The starting linebackers will be Jimmie Tinsley, Billy Wiebold and Charles Murphy. Tinsley is 6-2 and 195, and he is from Dallas Kimball. Wiebold, from Beaumont Forest Park, is 6-2 and 210. Murphy is a Monahans product, who is 6-2 and 200.

The cornerbacks are Charles Billingsley, 5-8 and 165, from Odessa Permian, and Chris Hentzen, 6-0 and 188, from Dallas Jesuit. They are backed up by a set of Bryan twins, Mark and Winkle Benbow, both 5-10 and 175.

Starting safeties are Bill Nutt and Mark Green. Nutt, from Brenham, is 5-11 and 180. Green, from Odessa High, is 6-3 and 210. The backup man at both safeties is Terry Savage, a 6-0, 185-pounder from Duncanville.

Nutt will be the Fish punter. He is backed up by the top placekicker, Tom Shirk, 5-11 and 185, from Sierra Vista, Ariz. The backup placekickers are Merren and Jeff Pollicoff, 5-10 and 200, from Bryan.

Assisting Keller with the Fish are former Aggie footballers Curley Hallman, Jim Piper, Tom

Buckman, Ronald Cole, Robert Stansberry and Waymond Lightfoot.

Besides Morrison, Wog Coach Clifford Taft starts Gene Moser, Tom Mraz and Steve Patterson in the offensive backfield. The ends are Danny Brown and Steve Okerson.

The 250-pound line has Merle Wang (225) and Sidney Bond (280) at the tackles, Mike Nolin (235) and Charles Davis (265) at the guards and Jackie Ray (215) at center.

Defensively, the Wogs list several starters who are also offensive starters. Ed Robinson and Gene Keith are the ends, Terry Thiebaud and Wang are the tackles and Davis is the nose guard.

Linebackers are Nolin and Jim McNeil. The cornerbacks are John Stember and Steve Bradlock, while the safety is Harold Muckleroy. The TCU rover is Jeff Heinichen.

Other Southwest Conference freshman games this week are Texas Tech at Arkansas; Baylor at Texas Thursday, and SMU at Rice Friday. Arkansas defeated SMU 30-13, and Rice beat Wharton Junior College 40-14 last week.

## Aggies show improved play against Michigan

By CLIFFORD BROYLES  
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With four games under their belts, and an even split in the win column, the Texas Aggies are looking forward to Saturday's Southwest Conference opener with Texas Tech.

The Red Raiders, led by new coach Jim Carlen, have posted a 2-1 mark thus far this season. Their lone loss came at the hands of the highly rated University of Texas at Austin Longhorns.

They are a good veteran football team," Coach Gene Stallings said Tuesday of the Raiders at the weekly press conference in the Letterman's Lounge.

"They have a lot of people back from last year and they've won three out of four, which definitely will help their morale."

The Red Raiders attack is led by Charlie Napper, who is considered the sparkplug of the team. How far Charlie Napper goes, so goes the Raiders.

Napper is just an adequate passer, Stallings said, but he moves the ball exceptionally well.

Reviewing the Michigan game, he said, "I thought we played good. Of course you play to win and we didn't."

"With the exception of only a couple of positions we showed a

marked improvement over last week (Ohio State)."

In fact, Stallings said, he couldn't single out one player who didn't play at least pretty good in the contest which saw the Aggies come to within a hair of dumping the seventh ranked team in the country.

"The hitting was exceptionally hard," the coach added, noting that several sports writers from across the country had talked with him about the hard hitting of the contest.

Michigan defense backs Bo Rather and Tom Darden caused considerable damage and provided one of the few weak spots in the Aggie playing.

Rather set up a missed field goal try with a 44 yard puntn return and Darden got off returns of 13, 18 and 8 yards in the contest.

"Punt coverage and fumbles were the most disappointing aspects of our game," he said.

"We played defense," the coach emphasized as he stressed the fact that this was the most satisfying aspect of the game for him.

"We had allowed just so many things to go wrong the week before."

"I thought Steve Burks and Doug Neill ran exceptionally well. Our offensive line did a good job. They're getting better as the season progresses.

The Aggies have now completed one of the roughest non-conference schedules that you could think up with very few injuries and a 2-2 record although most prognosticators had them ready for a 1-3 record no matter what kind of football they played.

The injury list is a bright spot as the Aggies have received only a few injuries since opening the season.

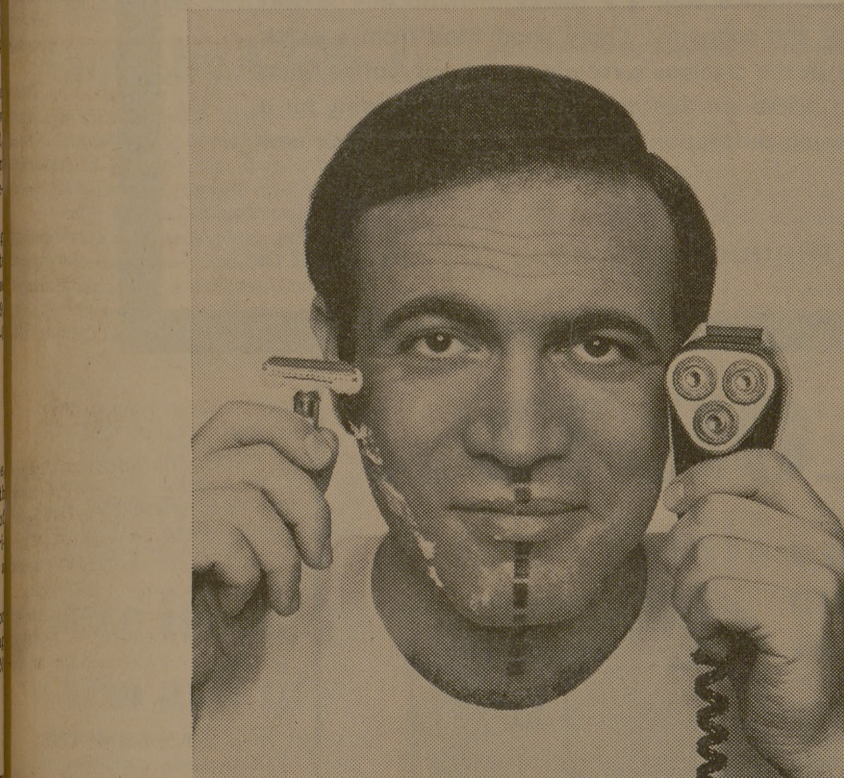
Still sidelined, however, are Clifford Thomas, Lenard Millsap and Cris Johnson.

Linebackers Steve Luebbenhusen and Dennis Carruth will return to practice this week, Stallings said.

"I don't feel any different toward the conference race than I did before the nonleague games," he said.

"I said from the start I thought this team would be one that would improve from week to week, and considering Michigan we definitely did that. If we continue to improve they'll win some ball games and if we don't then we won't."

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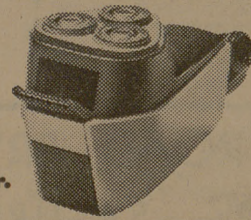
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## Sheffield holds punting lead

Jimmy Sheffield maintained his Southwest Conference punting lead Saturday when he punted for a 41.2 yard average on eight kicks.

The Aggie punter now has a 41.3 average on 17 kicks to lead defending NCAA punting champion Ed Marsh of Baylor by a yard and a half per kick in statistics released this week by the Southwest Conference office in Dallas.

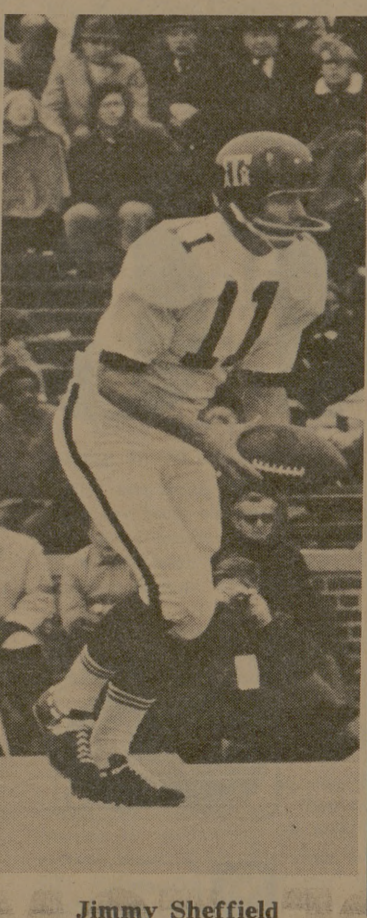
Top performances by Texas Tech's Marc Dove and SMU's Gary Hammond changed some of the SWC stat leaders.

Dove returned four punts for 104 yards, including the longest of the season, a fifty yarder, to surpass last week's leader (Dave Elmendorf) with a 13.1 average on eight returns and Jerry Moore of Arkansas is second with a mark of 14.0 on six returns.

Elmendorf is also third in kick-off returns with an average of 24.6. Sophomore Raymond Rhodes of TCU leads in the category with a 30.9 average.

Hammond took over the SWC rushing lead with 157 yards against Northwestern, and also boosted his lead over Hugh McElroy in tandem offense to 146 yards. Hammond has 546 yards and McElroy 401 yards in four games.

Lex James ranks third in passing and second in total offense. Bill Montgomery of Arkansas is the total offense leader and James trails Chuck Hixson of SMU and Steve Judy of TCU in passing statistics.



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McElroy ranks fourth in receiving with 16 catches and Homer May is eighth with 12 receptions. May has caught more TD passes than any received among the leaders with three.

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